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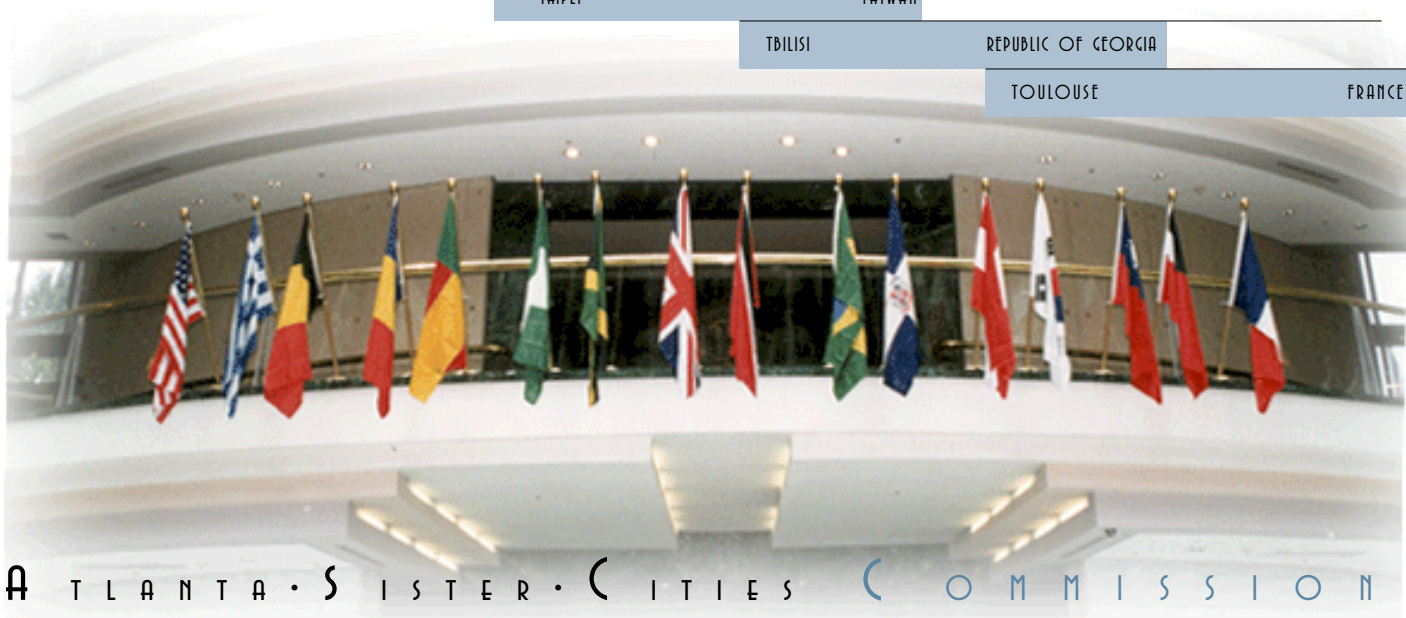
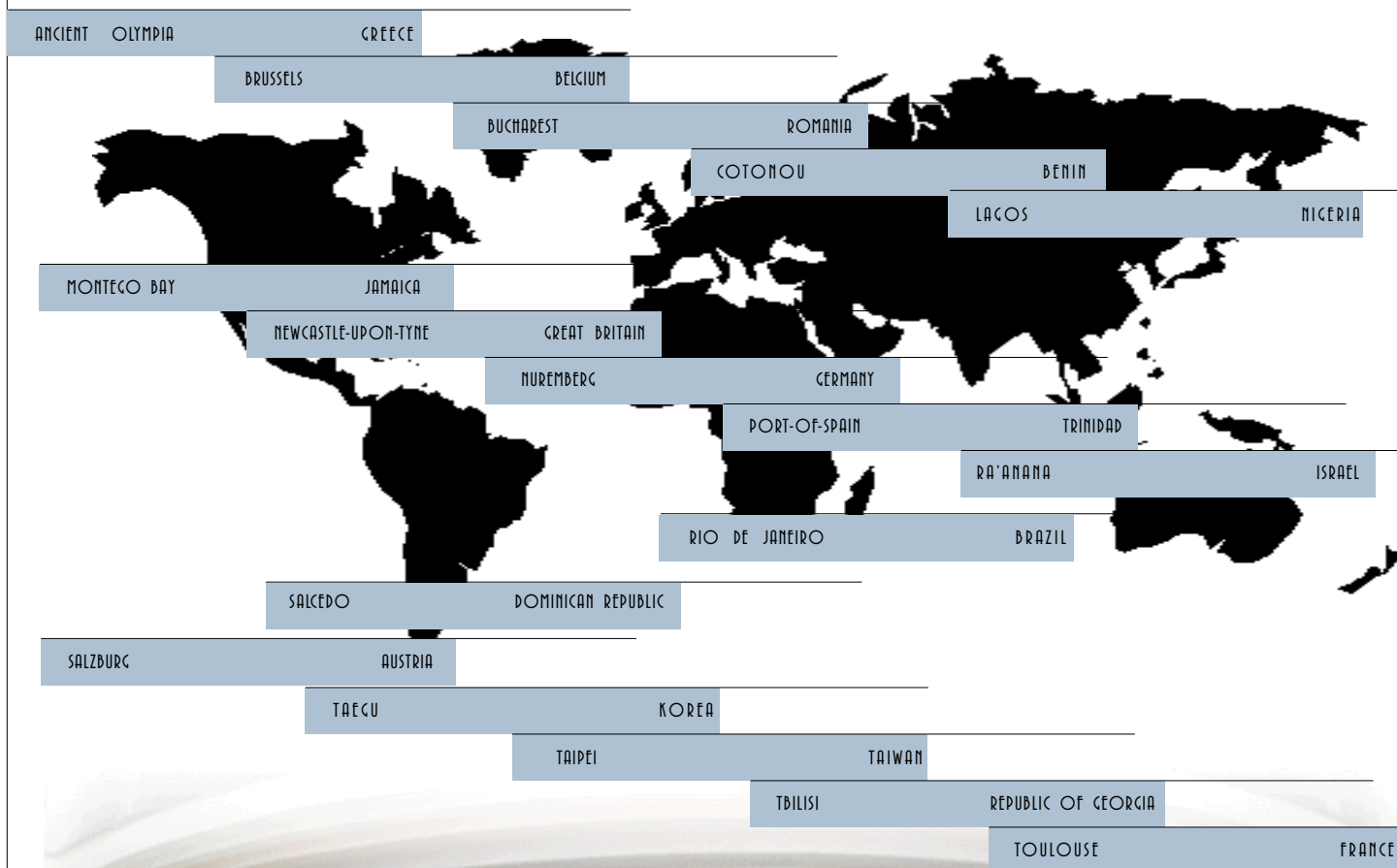
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To

**The Honorable William Campbell**  
Mayor, City of Atlanta

**The Honorable Robb Pitts**  
President  
Atlanta City Council

FROM

**Georgianne Thomas**  
Chair  
Atlanta Sister Cities Commission

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*I am pleased to submit to you the 1999 Annual Report of the Atlanta Sister Cities Commission (ASCC).*

*In addition to the activities of the various committees, ASCC has met monthly to carry out its role and function in relation to Atlanta's Sister Cities program.*

*We were pleased to serve the City of Atlanta and its international community during 1999 and look forward to the continued growth and expansion of the Sister Cities program under your administration.*



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# INTRODUCTION

## The Atlanta Sister Cities Commission

The Atlanta Sister Cities Commission (ASCC) was chartered by the City of Atlanta and codified in Atlanta City Ordinance No. 1979-71. The organization is managed by a Chair, elected by the Mayor of Atlanta. The appointee must be ratified by a majority of the Atlanta City Council. Georgianne Thomas served as Chair, and Augustine Esogbue as Vice Chair, in 1999.



The full 'board' of the Commission comprises the Chair, four Mayoral appointees and two members appointed by the City Council. In addition, the chairpersons of each Sister City Committee, or their designee, serve on the Commission.

During 1998, Cocoa Jordan Johnson was appointed to the Commission. She joined Dr. Hershelle Challenor and Ms. Thomasene Blount Roberts who were appointed in 1998. Dr. Ann Dandridge, who has been involved with the Commission since its founding, continued as an Appointed Member.

Elections are held annually to select a Vice Chair, a Secretary and a Treasurer. Each elected officer serves a one-year term. Elected officials of the Commission are restricted to two consecutive terms in office. All members of the Commission are eligible to vote at these elections.

## Committees

Standing committees of the Commission are Fund Raising, Nominating, Economic Development and Public Relations. Standing committee members are selected either from the members of the Commission or from among the membership of the committees.

## Staff

The Commission is supported by the staff of the International Affairs Division of the Mayor's Office. The staff participates in monthly or special meetings, helps shape the Commission's policy and acts as liaison with the Mayor. Staff members provide a valuable resource in creating and maintaining contact with foreign governmental counterparts and provide access to City Hall.

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## Finances and Fund-raising

Although the focus of fund-raising is at the Committee level, several events took place that provided funds for the Sister Cities Commission including the performance of the Taipei Chinese Classical Orchestra in February (see Taipei), and the 'Noite de Gala' event organized in conjunction with the Atlanta-Rio Sister City Commission (see Rio de Janeiro).

Major fund-raising also took place for the Sister Cities Convention in 2001 (see story - page 3). The Commission also contributed from its own funds to the hosting of the African Minister's Conference in Atlanta.

*In 1999, Atlanta increased its number of sister cities from 16 to 18 with the addition of Canberra and Ra'anana (voted by Council, Jan 2000).*

Name of City	Date of Affiliation	Chair
Ancient Olympia - Greece	1994	Mr. Lou Zakas
Brussels - Belgium	1983	Ms. Louise Suggs
Bucharest - Romania	1994	Mr. Nick Modares
Canberra - Australia	1999	Cllr. Julia Emmons
Cotonou - Benin	1995	Mr. Nony Mbaezue
Lagos - Nigeria	1974	Dr. Augustine O. Esogbue
Montego Bay - Jamaica	1972	Mr. Vin Martin
Newcastle-Upon-Tyne - Great Britain	1977	Mr. David Smith
Nuremberg - Germany	1998	Mr. Thomas Kosse
Port-of-Spain - Trinidad	1987	Ms. Norma Hamlett
Rio de Janeiro - Brazil	1972	Ms. Lisa Calhoun
Ra'anana - Israel	2000	Dr. Arnold Heller
Salcedo - Dominican Republic	1996	Mr. Victor Ramirez
Salzburg - Austria	1967	Mr. Carlton Parker
Taegu - Korea	1981	Mr. John Lee
Taipei - Taiwan	1974	Mr. David Yu
Tbilisi - Republic of Georgia	1988	Ms. Nancy Love
Toulouse - France	1974	Roger & Franklyn Skidmore

### ***Sister Cities International Convention – 2001***

In July 1998, members of ASCC made a successful bid to host the event in Atlanta in July 2001. Between 1500 and 2000 delegates representing over 40 countries will visit Atlanta to discuss the global relationship network of the Sister City movement.

This event is significant in that it reflects recognition of Atlanta as an international city. This not only offers Atlanta an opportunity to broadcast a positive message to the world via the entire network of sister cities, but it also provides an important source of tourism spending during the quiet period in Atlanta's convention calendar.

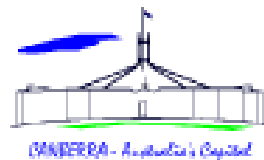
During 1999, the Convention Committee met regularly to discuss arrangements for the 2001 event and efforts were made to raise funds. ASCC must raise over \$300,000 in cash and kind for the purposes of hosting the event. This target, and the event-planning preparations, will become the ASCC's main focal point for the next two years.

The committee was successful in identifying a main sponsor, The UPS Foundation, which was announced at the beginning of 2000.



*ASCC members celebrate financial support from The UPS Foundation for the Sister Cities International Convention.*

### ***New Sister Cities - Canberra and Ra'anana***



Atlanta's seventeenth Sister City is the capital city of Australia, **Canberra**. Based on a recommendation from the Atlanta Sister Cities Commission, Atlanta City Council and Mayor, Bill Campbell signed a resolution

to extend an invitation to the government and people of Canberra to join in a Sister City relationship. Councilor Julia Emmons visited Canberra to present the invitation.

Atlanta and Canberra share characteristics in common. Both are inland capital cities, located in the Southeast of their respective state and country. Both have positive economic conditions that favor mutually beneficial exchanges.

Canberra has a population of 310,000 and is considered to be the fastest growing city in Australia. It is internationally-minded, with embassies representing most countries in the world. Canberra universities are seeking ties with Georgia Tech and Georgia State University and the Australian Institute of Sport shows great potential for exchanges with similar facilities located on the university campuses in Atlanta. Potential for exchanges also exists among museums, civic groups and the organizations that are preparing for the Year 2000 Summer Olympics.

A sister city group has been established in Atlanta to promote the Canberra relationship, headed by Councilor Julia Emmons, who once lived in Canberra and who has visited on several occasions to discuss exchange arrangements. A reciprocal group in Canberra has the support of the office of the Australian Chief Minister.



*Canberra's Parliament House.*

Canberra has sister cities in Nara in Japan and Beijing, China, two countries in which Atlanta is keenly interested to establish sister city relationships.



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### ***Ra'anana, Israel***

A twinning application was approved by the Atlanta Sister Cities Commission (ASCC), in November 1999, making Ra'anana Atlanta's eighteenth sister city. The link was sponsored by Dr. Arnold Heller, Social Studies Chairperson and International Business Program Diploma Director at North Atlanta High School. Dr. Heller will become Chair of the Atlanta-Ra'anana Sister City Committee.

Ra'anana, the 'jewel of Israel's Sharon District', is located about fifteen minutes north of Tel Aviv and fifteen minutes from the seacoast. Ra'anana has 75,000 highly educated and civic-minded citizens and has other sister cities in Italy, France and Holland. Ra'anana is recognized for its natural beauty and as a high technology center. It has a university, top medical centers, an outstanding school system and one of Israel's finest symphony orchestras.

The twinning relationship has developed out of the International Business Program (IBP) developed by North Atlanta High School and its student exchange program with Ostrovsky High School in Ra'anana. The IBP students operate a nonprofit corporation, the Atlanta Caribbean Trading Company (ACTCo), which provides them with real life experience in entrepreneurship, international trade, and electronic commercial technologies ([www.actco.org](http://www.actco.org)). ACTCo imports Ahava Dead Sea lotions and Israeli arts and crafts through Ostrovsky's Young Entrepreneurs Program. Ostrovsky High's is planning to develop a school store based on ACTCo's Warrior Warehouse School Store.

The Ra'anana application was endorsed by the Consulate of Israel, American-Israel Chamber of Commerce, and Atlanta Jewish Federation.

Dr. Heller has served as the Chair of the Atlanta-Rio de Janeiro Sister City Committee for the past three years, and Secretary of the ASCC for the past two years. Dr. Heller plans to develop strong linkages between Atlanta and Ra'anana in the areas of education, culture, athletics, youth programs and hi-tech economic development.



### Atlanta Sister City Cultural Artifacts on Display at Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport

A display of cultural artifacts from Atlanta's Sister Cities opened in March in the Atrium of Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport in which the cities are taking turns to present objects representing their history and culture. The first cities to be featured, for a three month period, were Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago and Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Great Britain, followed in September by Lagos, Nigeria.

The Port of Spain display included a number of carved wooden figures representing the Trinidadians at work and play, telling the story of the people that transported to the island as slaves or indentured laborers, and the musical instruments, such as the steel pan, for which the island is renowned. The display also includes a jewelry exhibit with a necklace and bracelet and other items. Photographs show Trinidad and Tobago's Carnival and marine and rural scenery.

The Newcastle-upon-Tyne display included a number of items from museums in the Newcastle region that depicted its industrial history, including a plate, jug and bowl that characterize collectible pottery from the North of England. The display included an example of the first electric bulb used in Britain, made by the Swan Company in 1879 at the same time as Thomas Edison was working on similar ideas in the USA. The two companies later joined forces to form Ediswan.



The display also included a replica of the Davy Lamp, originally developed in 1815 to detect gas in coalmines. The Donald Lamp of 1900, which provided better illumination, was also displayed along with engravings that depicted Robert Stephenson's High Level Bridge and images of lifeboats that were built along Tyneside.

The Lagos exhibits included the beaded ceremonial crown of a Yoruba king, an ebony mask of a warrior queen, which was adopted as the symbol for the Second World Festival of Arts and Culture hosted by Nigeria in 1977. Several figures depicted Nigerian male and female attire, an Antilogu gong drummer, a Fulani milk maid and an Ibo lady in braids, along with national cloths and photographs of Nigerian dignitaries.

The displays, which continue throughout 2000, are located in two cases in the central Atrium of Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport, adjacent to the 'Clock Tower'.

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### Atlanta - Ancient Olympia Sister City Committee



❖ The committee organized the Greek Independence Day Celebration on March 25th at City Hall and the Hellenic Community Center.

- ❖ Chairman, Lou Zakas, participated on the committee that was responsible for the enthronement of Bishop Alexios.
- ❖ Ancient Olympia committee traveled to Greece and met with the newly elected Mayor, George Adonis.
- ❖ The Honorary Greek Consul and Ambassador to Cyprus were accompanied on a visit to meet Mayor Campbell.
- ❖ Lou Zakas met with U.S. Ambassador, Nicholas Burns, in Athens, Greece and discussed a tribute statue to George C. Marshall on U.S. Embassy grounds. He also received a commitment from the Ambassador to speak at the Sister City Convention in Atlanta, in 2001.
- ❖ Lou Zakas solicited from U.P.S. support of the 2001 International Convention for Sister Cities, and received the \$125,000 contribution (announced February 2000).



### Atlanta - Brussels Sister City Committee

- ❖ A visit was made to the Hall of Brussels and meeting held with Le Gran Echevin, Freddy Thielemans.
- ❖ H.R.H. Prince Philippe of Belgium made a visit to Atlanta.
- ❖ Inauguration of art exhibition "So Many Brilliant Talents: Arts and Craft in the Age of Rubens" at the Michael C. Carlos Museum at the Emory University.
- ❖ Taste of Belgium at Swissotel- Atlanta in attendance of H.R.H. Prince Philippe of Belgium, Governor Roy Barnes, Vice Prime Minister of Belgium Louis Michel, Secretary of Trade Honorable Pierre Chevalier, H.E. Alex Reyn the Ambassador of Belgium, The Honorable Herve Goyens Consul General of Belgium.





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### Atlanta - Bucharest Sister City Committee

- ❖ January - In response to a winter crisis caused by extremely cold weather, the committee we organized and shipped supplies for the citizens of Bucharest.
- ❖ February - The Romanian Ambassador to United States visited Atlanta. Romanian President's visit was planned for August 1999 and the possibility of establishing an honorary consulate office in Atlanta was reviewed.
- ❖ July - Twenty Romanian youth artists visited and stayed in homes in Atlanta teaching Atlantan kids water painting.
- ❖ August - Romanian President Emil Constantine visited Atlanta and was honored by the American Bar Association at their annual meeting in Atlanta.
- ❖ December - The committee helped organize a Romanian-American Trade Mission in Bucharest.



*Romanian President, Emil Constantine, visits Atlanta*

### Atlanta - Cotonou Sister City Committee

- ❖ Dr. Charleise T. Young is heading ACSCC's scholarship Program and is currently working on this project. Dr. Young is working on obtaining collaboration with a university to assist in these endeavors.
- ❖ Student Pen Pal Program: 110 Atlanta students have been matched with high school students in Cotonou, Benin.
- ❖ A proposal was sent to the Benin Minister of Culture and Tourism to bring the musical show of Sinbad to Benin as a way of boosting cultural support and exchange.
- ❖ *Echoppe Program Collaboration:* Entered into a collaborative agreement with Echoppe, a nonprofit organization in Benin, operated by American citizens. The organization is engaged in supplying small business loans of \$40 each to artisans and traders in Benin. The committee approved \$400 to go toward 10 participants in this program. Chairperson, Nony Mbazue met with the Ambassador of Benin to facilitate a due diligence effort.
- ❖ *African Ministerial Conference:* Cotonou committee hosted a reception for the Ministers of Transportation from the entire African Continent (except Sudan and Libya). Co-hosted this function with the Atlanta-Lagos Sister City Committee. The Atlanta Sister Cities Commission approved the sum of \$1,000 to assist with the reception.
- ❖ *Preparation for the First Atlanta International Annual Awards Banquet:* Support and endorsement has been obtained from the Atlanta Sister Cities Commission and the Mayor's Office.

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### Lagos - Atlanta Sister City Committee



❖ The Lagos-Atlanta Sister City Committee provided content for both Sister City showcases in the atrium of Atlanta Airport, commencing in September, which was seen by visiting Nigerian dignitaries, including the Nigerian first lady, Chief Mrs Stella Obasanjo.

❖ The first lady was entertained at a banquet hosted by the Nigerian Consulate and treated to a performance by Alani's African Dance Troupe.



❖ Mayor of Lagos, Prince Ajose, sent an ornately-framed photograph to Mayor Bill Campbell.

❖ The Lagos committee is actively involved in a program to provide computers and books for Lagos schools and universities.

❖ A special visit to Lagos was planned to discuss the functioning of the sister city program and to set up a counterpart group in Lagos.

### Atlanta - Montego Bay Sister City Committee

❖ Representative attended seminar involving 15 third world countries, hosted by the government of Jamaica in Montego Bay.

❖ Committee welcomed and entertained students from Montego Bay High School.

❖ Participated in ceremonies establishing Caribbean Institute of Technology located in Montego Bay Free Zone.

❖ Planned an itinerary for trade mission lead by the President of Jamaica's trade arm to Atlanta. Established business contacts for Jamaica's minister of trade and investments, including Atlanta's AEDC, Coca-Cola, CNN, and Jackson Securities.

❖ Took Atlanta investors to Kingston and Montego Bay.

❖ Planned and conducted Sixth Annual Health Fair in Montego Bay. Organized participation by 50 doctors and nurses on this mission which was attended by 2,800 patients. (See below).



*Nurses and doctors participating in the Sixth Annual Health Fair in Montego Bay.*

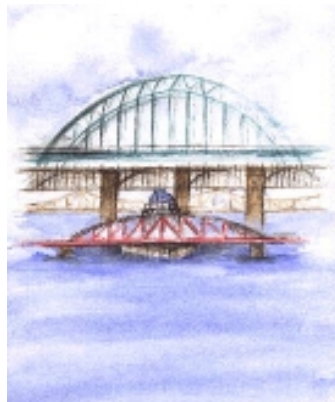


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### Atlanta - Newcastle Sister City Committee



- ❖ Launched economic development office in Atlanta, representing the North of England. This office combines the interests of three regional economic development agencies, including Newcastle, in expanding economic interests with Atlanta and the South Eastern region of the USA. The post is occupied by an Atlanta native who had worked at one of the

regional development agencies in England.

- ❖ Georgia State University offered a postgraduate studentship to a student from Newcastle.
- ❖ 12 students from Georgia and 12 from Newcastle conduct exchanges.
- ❖ Newcastle represented at Sister Cities Exhibit at Atlanta International Airport, March. (See page 5)



### Atlanta - Nuremberg Sister City Committee



- ❖ Representatives of Nuremberg universities and colleges spoke and participated in the Trans Atlantic Symposium for Workforce Development in Atlanta in March.

- ❖ June 1999: Sister City Signing Agreement Ceremony at City Hall with the Lord Mayor Ludwig Scholz of Nuremberg and delegation.

- ❖ October 1999: Business in the USA day in Nuremberg to present business opportunities in Atlanta.



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### Atlanta - Port-of-Spain Sister City Committee

- ❖ Participated in the Caribbean Day at the Capitol by sharing information relative to Trinidad & Tobago - Reception held on February 23, 1999 in the Atrium of City Hall, and on the 24<sup>th</sup>, a breakfast at the Georgia State Capital under the patronage of the Mayor and the Governor's office.



*Carnival*

- ❖ Exhibition of Highlights of 1999 Carnival in Trinidad to four groups of international students and a private showing to an audience of 150 persons. Held by the Cultural Committee in March through May 1999.

- ❖ Display of pictures, art and craft from the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago in the Atrium of Hartsfield International Airport - March through August 1999. (See page 5)

- ❖ Participated in the Caribbean Folk Festival in May 1999.
- ❖ 'Family Fun Day' pool-side activity held at the residence of Vernon and Veronica Lestage (patrons). Over 500 attended, both Atlanta's residents and visitors to Atlanta. Food was provided by Thelma's International Cuisine, music supplied by Changez International of WFRG - May 1999.
- ❖ Facilitated the launching of the Ambassador's Program in Trinidad in time for the Miss Universe Pageant with the assistance of the Atlanta's Visitors and Convention Bureau and Central Atlanta Progress Committee.
- ❖ Together with the Trinidad & Tobago Society of Georgia assisted twelve (12) International Students who were destitute during their summer vacation by providing food and moral support for them.
- ❖ Assisted the Center for Trade and Technology Transfer in their preparation for a trade mission to Trinidad and Tobago and Jamaica - October 1999.

- ❖ Display of pictures, art and craft for "International Day" for City of Atlanta's Employees' Week activities in the atrium of City Hall - October 18.

- ❖ Prepared Thanksgiving dinners for international students attending metro-Atlanta colleges and universities.

- ❖ Facilitated the gift of smoke detectors to Trinidad and Tobago's Fire Department in recognition of the Year of the Aged, donation made by the Atlanta Fire Department.



- ❖ Together with the Trinidad and Tobago Society of Georgia, collected medical supplies and equipment to be forwarded to hospitals and health centers in the rural areas of Trinidad and Tobago. The donation was made by St. Joseph's Hospital.

### Atlanta Ra'anana Sister City Committee

- ❖ Nov. 10, 1999: Atlanta Sister Cities Commission approval of the Ra'anana, Israel twinning application.
- ❖ North Atlanta High School student exchange to Ostrovsky High School in Ra'anana.
- ❖ North Atlanta's International Business Program (IBP) and Ostrovsky's Young Entrepreneurs have formed an educational partnership and engaged students in international trade. The IBP's Atlanta Caribbean Trading Co., a student run enterprise, imports Ahava Dead Sea lotions and Israeli arts and crafts through Ostrovsky International Trade (OIT).

*See story and photographs of Ra'anana - page 4.*

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### Atlanta - Rio Sister City Committee

❖ June 19 - The Atlanta-Rio Sister City Committee held a recruitment dinner party at Fratelli's da Napoli Restaurant.

❖ *'Noite de Gala' Brazilian Ball*

A major Atlanta event was turned into a fund-raiser for the Sister City Commission when the Atlanta-Rio Sister Cities Committee, the Brazilian-American Chamber of Commerce of Georgia, the Consulate General of Brazil, the World Trade Center Atlanta and several other organizations held the First 'Noite de Gala' Brazilian Ball on March 27, 1999 at World Trade Center Atlanta.

The event celebrated the combined efforts of both long standing and new relationships of the above Georgia based organizations and was an opportunity to participate an important social and networking event.

Live music performances, art exhibits and other forms of entertainment were provided including singer Eliana Pittman from Rio, Group Gil Santos Dance Studios of Miami, and Atlanta's own Tropicus 22 Brazilian Band



### Atlanta - Salcedo Sister City Committee

❖ In February the 26th the Atlanta-Salcedo Sister City Committee presented a "Recital and Dominican Coffee Tasting" to commemorate the 155th Independence Day of the Dominican Republic. The Dominican National Anthem along with other songs were played by a quartet of musicians at Atlanta City Hall Atrium.

❖ Five students and a teacher from North Atlanta High School went to the city of Salcedo. They were hosted by students of Colegio Gonzaga, they spent a week there, learning about Dominican culture and practicing their Spanish language skills.

❖ A fundraising party called "Latin Party in the Skyscraper" was held in a historic building located Downtown, Atlanta. Guests enjoyed food and music from Latin American countries.

In July, the Atlanta-Salcedo Sister City Committee hosted the Dean of Engineering for INTEC University of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic in Atlanta. He met with the authorities of GA Tech University and discussed future exchanges between the two faculties.

❖ In October, the Atlanta-Salcedo Sister City Committee joined the Dominican International Association to celebrate the First Dominican Gala held at the Atlanta City Hall Atrium. Mayor Bill Campbell, members of the Consular Corps, authorities from cities of Georgia, Florida and the Dominican Republic were delighted with performances of renowned artists from the Caribbean country. Individuals were also recognized for their talents and good works within the Dominican community.

*Chair, Victor Ramirez, and Mayor Bill Campbell at the Dominican Gala.*



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### Atlanta - Taegu Sister City Committee



- ❖ February 1999, President Kim of Korea visited USA and November 1999 President Clinton visited South Korea.
- ❖ A delegation of business men and women from Atlanta visited Taegu, Korea for the "Taegu Fall Festival."
- ❖ December 1999, Korea's U.S. Chamber of Commerce held an annual dinner at the World Trade Club. The coordinator for the Mayor's office of International Affairs, was in attendance.
- ❖ November 1999, Dr. Bae Souk-ki, a professor at the University of Taegu visited the Mayor's Office. He spoke about creating a student exchange program between the two cities for the upcoming year.



### Atlanta - Taipei Sister City Committee

- ❖ Organized Chinese New Year Banquet in February, 1999.
- ❖ Fund raising for Taiwan earthquake. Raised \$25 Million, It was given to the Taipei's Mayor Ma by David Yu.
- ❖ *Chinese Orchestral Concert marks 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Atlanta-Taipei friendship*

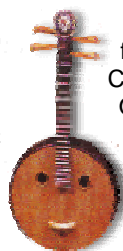


A major event, hosted by the Atlanta-Taipei Sister City Committee became an 'official' fundraiser for the Atlanta Sister City Commission. The Taipei Chinese Classical Orchestra gave a performance at Symphony Hall, Robert W. Woodruff Arts Center on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sister-City relationship between Atlanta and Taipei, Taiwan.

The performance was part of a goodwill mission by Taipei City Council, which was coordinated by the Georgia Chinese – American Chamber of Commerce, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta and the Atlanta-Taipei Sister City Committee.



Taipei Municipal Chinese Classical Orchestra, founded in 1979, is the first professional Chinese Classical Orchestra in the Republic of China. The Orchestra's Director, Dr. Ching-ping Wong, is a leading soloist of the Chinese lute – known as the 'pipa'. Dr. Wong has performed in many countries, throughout Asia, Europe and the Americas and in 1996, he was granted the National Arts Award, the most honorable award of his country.



The program included The Aspiration of Buddha, The Deep Forest, A Hundred Birds Playing Tribute to the Phoenix, Floral Umbrellas & Orchids and the famous Butterfly Lovers.



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### Atlanta - Toulouse Sister City Committee

The Atlanta-Toulouse Committee began 1999 with a gala dinner get-together at Le Giverny restaurant and were joined by the Honorable Consul de France Jean-Paul Monchau and his wife, Madame Francoise Monchau.

The Annual Apres-Voyage gathering of the 1998 Fall delegation also met in January to share photos and memories.

In February the Atlanta-Toulouse Committee promoted its Summer Youth Exchange at the "Summer Expo 99" which is held each year on the Westminster School campus. Representatives from around the world participate in this annual showing of summer activities which draws high school students from the Greater Atlanta area.

In July the Atlanta Youth Group traveled to Toulouse to stay with host families. In August the Toulouse "Jeunes" arrived for a three week stay with Atlanta families. In addition to the many Atlanta sites and activities, they and their hosts were received by the French consul Jean-Paul Monchau at their residence. Their daughter, Juliette, and other young people working at the French consulate were also in attendance to greet the Toulouse delegates and their hosts.

In August a group of graduate students from the Georgia State Graduate School of International Business were treated to a lecture on French wine making and a tasting at the home of Rodger and Franklyn Skidmore. The group received tips on French life for their six week summer exchange with Ecole Supérieure du Commerce in Toulouse.

In September and October the Fall adult delegation of 16 traveled to Toulouse where they were received by Mayor Dominique Baudis in the historic 18c "Le Capitol". The city of Toulouse and it's Sister City Committee entertained the Atlanta visitors with a Bateau-Mouche trip on the Canal du Midi and Garonne in and around Toulouse plus the annual walking tour of the city.

In addition to the activities enjoyed with host families, the committee honored the Atlantans with a farewell dinner at the University of Toulouse. The delegation then traveled through Provence ending in Aix-en-Provence where it was delighted to see the promotional posters for "Provence in Atlanta" in

shops and galleries. Franklyn and Rodger Skidmore of the Atlanta-Toulouse SCC were on the sponsoring board of the promotion.

In Late October the Atlanta-Toulouse SCC participated in many of the "Provence in Atlanta" festivities, the French film festival and the "dinners de Provence" held at many restaurants in Atlanta.



*Atlanta / Toulouse students exchange.*

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